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DOE Announces Opening of New Cincinnati Office

The United States Department of Energy (DOE) Environmental Management (EM) Consolidated Business Center (CBC) will begin operations in its permanent Cincinnati, Ohio offices on May 1, 2005. The office is located in the Chiquita Center, 250 East Fifth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio. The selection of the specific office location was made through a competitive procurement managed by the General Services Administration (GSA). Since October 2004, the CBC had been operating out of temporary office space in Springdale, Ohio.

The selection of the Cincinnati area as the permanent CBC location was announced by the Secretary of Energy and Congressman Rob Portman in June 2004. The CBC was established in October 2004 to consolidate support functions of DOE's Environmental Management closure sites and other designated sites in the areas of: human resources, financial management, contracting/procurement, information management, logistics, legal services, and technical support. Customer sites currently include the Ohio Field Office (Ashtabula, OH; Columbus, OH; Fernald, OH; Miamisburg, OH; and West Valley, NY); The Rocky Flats site (Denver, CO); Carlsbad Field Office (Carlsbad, NM); and the Portsmouth/Paducah Project Office (Lexington, KY). Additional sites may be added in the future.

The CBC is staffed with experienced employees possessing critical expertise in business support functions and site closure requirements. The CBC is expected to employ approximately 130 federal staff by 2006.

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